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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## IN RE APPLICATION OF

BAUMGARTEN ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/560,322

FILED: JUNE 18, 2004

FOR: PROTON-SENSING G-PROTEIN COUPLED  
RECEPTORS AND DNA SEQUENCES THEREOF**MS: Missing Parts**

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Office Communication of April 12, 2006 has a shortened statutory time of two months, set to expire on June 12, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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